

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

400 PHENIX AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC SESSION: 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m. – Convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel; PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation (Litigation – Caruolo Action)

II. Executive Session

III. Call to Order

IV. Roll Call / Quorum

V. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – October 20, 2008

VI. Minutes of Previous Meetings Approved – September 15, 2008 and October 6, 2008

VII. Public Acknowledgements / Communication

VIII. Chairperson Communications

NAM and Disney Foundation Presentation

IX. Superintendent Communications

X. School Committee Member Communications

XI. Public Hearing

a. Students (Agenda/Non-agenda Matters)

b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)

XII. Consent Agenda

SPONSORED BY MRS. GREIFER AND MR. ARCHETTO

NO. 08-10-1 – Whereas, Gladstone Street School has been named a Regent's Commended School for 2007-2008 by Governor Donald Carcieri and the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education, and

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Whereas, Gladstone Street School teachers and students, inspired by the leadership of Principal Marc Garceau, have raised the index

proficiency scores in English language arts for all students from 82.6 to 88.0 and in mathematics from 72.4 to 81.4 in just three years, and

Whereas, the most significant accomplishments during this time are as follows:

- An increase for English language learners in English language arts from 63.3 to 79.0 and in mathematics from 65.7 to 77.2**
- Rising to the challenge of closing the gap for economically disadvantaged children, the index scores rose from 79.7 to 87.0 in English language arts and from 69.9 to 79.9 in mathematics**
- The achievement of special needs learners and their teachers is also notable in a rise in their index score from 63.0 to 69.0 in English language arts and from 58.7 to 61.5.**

Whereas, Gladstone Street School staff and students have steadily and significantly increased the proficiency index scores for English language learners, special education students, and economically disadvantaged students, thereby “closing the equity gap” for these students in comparison to the school wide and district wide populations, and

Whereas, Gladstone Street School is the largest, in many ways the neediest, and by far the most diverse elementary school in the City of

Cranston,

Be it RESOLVED that the Cranston School Committee congratulate and commend the Gladstone Street School students, Principal Mark Garceau, and the faculty and staff for their tireless dedication to education, and

Be it further RESOLVED that Mark Garceau be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee.

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NO. 08-10-2 - RESOLVED, that the Cranston School Committee endorses installation of bike racks at the following schools, as supported by their principals: Arlington, Eden Park, Edgewood Highland, Glen Hills, Norwood Avenue, Rhodes, Stone Hill, Waterman, Cranston High School East, and Cranston High School West; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that the committee requests the Superintendent write to the Mayor and the Cranston City Council requesting Community Development Block Grant or Safe Route to School funds be appropriated by the City to construct the bike racks.

ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

NO. 08-10-3 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said certified administrator be appointed as follows:

**_____, Assistant High School Principal
for Special and Related Services
Cranston High School East
Contract Effective: _____**

NO. 08-10-4 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Krystal Lundquist Elementary

Patricia DiPrete Middle Mathematics and Social Studies

Joshua Lima General Subject Matter

Stefanie Raposa Elementary/Middle Special Education

Dorothy Henry Elementary/Middle Special Education

Daniel Zaluski General Subject Matter, K-12

Sally Kirshenbaum Speech and Language Pathologist

Brendan Friel Social Studies

Marissa Murphy Elementary

Michael Caparrelli General Subject Matter

Brenda Coutu General Subject Matter

NO. 08-10-5 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be appointed as athletic coaches:

Steven Faccenda, Head Coed Cross Country, Bain Middle School

Step – 5

Class – D

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Playing Competition – High School

Experience – Park View Middle School, Outdoor Track

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches; Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid Certified

Patrick Murphy, Head Girls' Soccer, Western Hills Middle School

Step – 6

Class – D

Playing Competition – Recreationally

Experience – Youth Soccer Teams

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches; Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid Certified

Joe Simas, Head Boys' Soccer, Park View Middle School

Step – 5

Class – D

Playing Competition – CCRI

Experience – Recreational Coaching

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches; Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid Certified

Jennifer Andreoni, Assistant Girls' Volleyball, Cranston High School East

Step – 2

Class – D

Playing Competition – CCRI

Experience – Ocean State Spikers' Team

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches; Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid Certified

Ken Lawson, Head Coed Cross Country, Park View Middle School

Step – 5

Class – D

Playing Competition – High School

Experience – Various Cranston Middle Schools

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches; Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid Certified

NO. 08-10-6 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following coach be accepted:

Walter Brown, Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach

Cranston High School East

Effective Date: September 12, 2008

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NO. 08-10-7 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employees be appointed:

Brittany Sandbergen, Site Coordinator

Bain +2

Effective Date of Employment – September 19, 2008

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 53115150 515000

Remigia Candelier, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment – September 16, 2008

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 14347518 518600

Carolynn Gifford, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment – September 16, 2008

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 14347518 518600

NO. 08-10-8 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

TEACHER ASSISTANTS

Donna Bianchi

Dorothy Henry

NO. 08-10-9 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignations of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Flora Mesiti, Child Outreach Paraprofessional

Early Childhood Center

Effective Date: September 12, 2008

Pauline Traficante, Behavioral Technician

Horton Program

Effective Date: October 8, 2008

Jeanne Bilodeau, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date: September 24, 2008

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Armand Brochu, Custodian

Plant

Effective Date: October 2, 2008

Rhonda A. Saccoccio, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date: October 6, 2008

Sandra Ellis, Teacher Assistant

Orchard Farms

Effective Date: September 5, 2008

April Civale, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date: October 14, 2008

BUSINESS

NO. 08-10-10 - RESOLVED, that the administrative services of the Cranston Public Schools' 403(b) program as recommended by the Rhode Island Association of Business Officials be assumed by Gatekeeper. Potential costs associated with the program vary depending on the option chosen. The initial year fixed one-time cost for audit and data collection is \$4,567.50. The regular yearly cost for the services varies from a maximum of \$12,192 to a possibility of no cost. Please see attached supporting documentation.

NO. 08-10-11 - RESOLVED, that the pricing for the purchase of Air Flo Sanders in the amount of \$4,500 each for the period of October 21, 2008 through February 21, 2009 be approved:

Number of bids issued 6

Number of bids received 3

NO. 08-10-12 - RESOLVED, that the Administration be authorized to establish the following tuition rates for the 2008-2009 school year:

Half-day Kindergarten \$ 6,247

Grades 1-12 \$ 12,494

Special Education \$ 40,195

Career and Technical Center – Regular \$ 12,994

Career and Technical Center – Resource (1-2 classes) \$ 26,595

Career and Technical Center – Self-Contained (3-5 classes) \$ 40,195

Sanders Academy \$ 42,610

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NO. 08-10-13 – RESOLVED, that the Cranston School Committee accept the 2007-2008 In\$ite Expenditure Report as required by Article 18.

POLICY AND PROGRAM

NO. 08-10-14 - RESOLVED, that the accompanying Regulations, No. 5141.2(a), Student Medication Procedures, for policy No. 5141.2, Student Medications, be approved for second and final reading.

NO. 08-10-15 - RESOLVED, that policy No. 5141.22 and the accompanying regulations, 5141.22(a) Policy for Medical Procedure, be approved for second and final reading.

NO. 08-10-16 - RESOLVED, that policy No. 1330.3, Use of School Facilities for Sporting Events, Practice, or Extracurricular Activities, as amended, be approved for first reading.

NO. 08-10-17 - RESOLVED, that policy No. 1112.2, Publication, Radio, Television, Internet, be amended for first reading.

XIII. Action Calendar / Action Agenda

TABLED RESOLUTION

NO. 08-9-4 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2008-2009 school budget be amended.

XIV. New Business

XV. Public Hearing on Non-agenda Items

XVI. Announcement of Future Meetings

XVII. Adjournment

School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairman in advance.

Interested persons and the public at large, upon advance notice, will be given a fair opportunity to be heard at said meeting on the items proposed on the Agenda.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Superintendent's Office at 270-8143 72 hours in advance of hearing date.

Any changes in the agenda pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6(e) will be posted on the school district's web site at www.cpsed.net, Cranston Public Schools' administration building, 845 Park Ave., Cranston, RI; and Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI and will be electronically filed with the Secretary of State at least forty-eight hours (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

Notice Posted: Cranston Herald / October 16, 2008

1330.3

COMMUNITY

Use of School Facilities for Sporting Events, Practice, or Extracurricular Activities

No sports event or practice, or other extracurricular activity which incurs custodial costs, shall be scheduled for a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

This policy shall not apply to the Thanksgiving Day high school football game.

Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the Superintendent.

All exceptions shall be reported in writing to the Cranston School Committee.

Policy Adopted: CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Resolution No.: Cranston, Rhode Island

5141.2(a)

Cranston Public Schools

MEDICATION PROCEDURES

The following operating procedures serve as a guide for those extreme cases where it is necessary that medication be administered at school. Medication may be taken by students at school under the following circumstances:

A. A document is on file in the school from a physician indicating permission for the student to receive the drug. The document must identify the drug, indicate the proper dosage, route, and when it is to be given.

B. A document is on file in the school office from the parent/guardian indicating that the student may receive the medication.

C. A student may be authorized to self-carry and/or self-medicate in school, on a field trip, or activity away from school as outlined above (excludes controlled substances).

D. Over the counter medication will not be administered under any circumstances unless the above procedure is followed.

E. The document on file in the school office from the physician and parent/guardian must be renewed annually.

F. Medication must be in a properly labeled container from the pharmacy.

G. Medication must be brought to and from school by the parent/guardian.

H. All medication stored within the school building must be locked inside a cabinet or safe.

I. Medication will not be administered until the school nurse verifies that the requirements are met.

J. Medication must be taken in the presence of one of the following:

- 1. School Nurse**
- 2. Parent/Guardian**
- 3. Responsible adult designated by the parent/guardian (not a school employee).**

K. The School Nurse is authorized to consult the prescribing

physician on any matters relating to the medication order.

Approved by School Physicians:

Albert J. Puerini, Jr., M.D. Date

Richard K. Ohnmacht, M.D. Date

**Regulations Adopted: March 16, 1987 CRANSTON PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

Regulations Amended: Cranston, Rhode Island

Resolution No.:

5141.22

Cranston Public Schools

POLICY FOR MEDICAL PROCEDURE

The following operating procedures serve as a guide for those extreme cases where it is necessary that a medical procedure be performed at school. Such procedure may be performed at school under the following circumstances:

A. A document is on file in the school from a physician indicating the need for a medical procedure to be performed during school hours.

The document must include specific information about the procedure including frequency, time of day, etc. Information such as catheter size, name of formula, rate of infusion, oxygen flow rate, etc. must be specified as appropriate for each treatment order.

B. A document is on file in the school office from the parent/guardian indicating that the procedure be performed for the student at school.

C. The document on file in the school office from the physician and parent/guardian must be renewed annually.

D. The procedure will not be administered until the school nurse verifies that all the requirements are met.

E. The procedure must be performed by one of the following:

a. School Nurse

b. Parent/Guardian

c. Responsible adult designated by the parent/guardian (not a school employee).

F. The School Nurse is authorized to consult with the prescribing physician on any matters pertaining to the prescribed order.

Approved by School Physicians:

Albert J. Puerini, Jr., M.D. Date

Richard K. Ohnmacht, M.D. Date

5141.22 (a)

CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL PROCEDURE

School_____

Grade_____ **Room**_____

STUDENT NAME:_____

(Last)

(First)

(Date of Birth)

Address_____

Home

Phone_____

I understand that special permission is required for a medical procedure to be performed during school hours and that the School Nurse is authorized to consult with the prescribing physician on any

matters relating to this order. I request that my child be administered the medical procedure described below or be permitted to independently perform this procedure as authorized by me and my physician.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

This Section To Be Completed by Physician

If applicable, please specify catheter size, amount of and material used for flushes, flow rates, etc. In cases of supplemental feedings, include name of formula or other preparation, rate and route of administration, precise amount, time and frequency, etc.

Procedure _____ Daily _____

_____ PRN _____

Frequency _____ Time _____

Formula

name _____ Amount/Dose _____ Route _____

Flush _____ (type, _____ amount, frequency) _____

Describe

Indications_____

Related

Diagnosis_____ **Allergies**_____

**Other: (Activity Restrictions, Mobility Issues, Catheter Size,
Emergency Intervention, Dressing Changes, etc.)**

This child is authorized to independently perform this procedure.

Yes_____ **No**_____

(Physician Signature)

(Date)

Policy adopted: CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Resolution No: Cranston, Rhode Island

1112.1

Community Relations

Publications, Radio, Television, Internet

During the school day, no poster, paper, circular, brochure or other

document designed to aid or injure or defeat any candidate for public office or any political party or organization or any question submitted to the voters shall be distributed to students or parents in school buildings or within school property by school personnel, students, parents, political candidates, political parties or organizations, or by the public at large; and further, there shall be no distribution within school buildings or upon school property of materials by the same above-enumerated persons and/or groups which invite, recruit, or in any way solicit students or their parents to participate in political campaign activities or political action organizations.

Outside the school day, any group which uses school facilities is free to exercise its rights under the First Amendment, including but not limited to, discussion of political candidates and issues, distribution of literature and buttons and encouragement of participation in political campaign activities.

PTO groups or other school-sanctioned groups must provide equal access to all candidates for a particular office. This shall not apply to elected officials performing their official duties.

**Policy Amended 2/10/97 (Resolution 97-2-29) CRANSTON PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

Cranston, Rhode Island